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Note:

The proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search with respect to the amendments to claim 15 to add "is as shown in the following table....", including issues of new matter.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered to the extent that they pertain to the claims now of record but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

It should be kept in mind that applicant cannot, as a matter of right, amend any finally rejected claims, add new claims after a final rejection (see **37 CFR 1.116**) or reinstate previously canceled claims.

Except where an amendment merely cancels claims, adopts examiner suggestions, removes issues for appeal, or in some other way requires only a cursory review by the examiner, compliance with the requirement of a showing under **37 CFR 1.116(b)(3)** is expected in all amendments after final rejection, i.e., "An amendment touching the merits of the application or patent under reexamination may be admitted upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented."

Regarding the double patenting rejection, inasmuch as the claims are not allowable at this time, the rejection is maintained.

With respect to the arguments regarding the written description and obviousness rejections, it is noted that the arguments do not pertain to the claims now of record. Therefore, the rejections are proper and are maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irene Marx whose telephone number is (571) 272-0919. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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